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Joan Singer Spicknall will close the 1979-80 Fine Arts Series next Tuesday with a piano recital. Spicknall, who received a doctorate in music from the University of Maryland, is an adjunct professor of music at Rose-Hulman. The performance will take place Tuesday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Tickets are free to Rose students.

Housing picture darkens

by John Sparks
News Editor

Housing space will once again be at a premium on-campus next fall, according to figures amassed by Pete Gustafson, Assistant Dean of Students.

The Intent to Live On-Campus forms distributed last month indicate 428 students are seeking on-campus housing for next fall. Only 353 spots are available to upperclassmen.

These numbers indicate that 75 people will be left without housing. The least likely to receive on-campus spots are those with low housing priorities; transfer students, off-campus students, and seniors.

If these numbers were to apply, only seven seniors would be housed on-campus next fall. However these numbers are only preliminary estimates and are subject to change.

The next link in the housing process is the completion of the Housing Preference Form and a fifty dollar deposit. Normally about 90-95 percent of the above students actually deposit, in the process retaining their priority for an on-campus spot.

The numbers, therefore, are

not quite as grim as they appear at first glance. Currently, 25 seniors are housed on-campus, and the Deming addition will provide space for 29 more students.

In addition, some space may be available in the BSB basement. Freshmen and upperclassmen are expected to be housed there.

Gustafson contributes the number of students requesting on-campus spots, which is up from last year, to two reasons.

First of all, off-campus expenses have risen substantially. Hence, sophomores and juniors are not as willing to live off-campus as they used to be.

Secondly, Gustafson believes the Deming project has created the feeling that housing is available on campus. People who normally do not apply for housing are applying on the chance that they will receive a place due to the Deming project.

Gustafson recommends that any senior who may be interested in living off-campus

should look into it.

A list of apartments is available in his Crapo Hall office. This list is made up of apartments Rose students have lived in, apartments seniors are currently living in, faculty owned apartments, and realtor listings.

An off-campus living guide is also available.

Gustafson insists that the off-campus housing market is competitive. He said many apartments can be rented now, with no payments until fall. In no case, he said, should anyone pay rent over the summer to hold an apartment.

He did caution students to beware of the neighborhood, though. Many students have fallen prey this year to thieves that operate during vacations.

For those students who truly do want to live on-campus, Gustafson says they should at least wait until the end of the month before doing anything. More accurate figures will be available then.

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VP position only SGA race

The final SGA elections for next year are being held today. The elections feature a run-off between Vice-Presidential candidates Mark Bates and Brock Rule.

Kendal Smith is running unopposed for President.

Mark Bates states: I feel that my current position as SGA treasurer qualifies me to chair the Student Congress and finish the budget process for the next school year.

I have been extremely active in ministering current funds and keeping all clubs notified of their term balances.

I feel that as VP I can have a greater influence on the process of allotting funds and determining policy; jobs which my previous experience will help me do well.

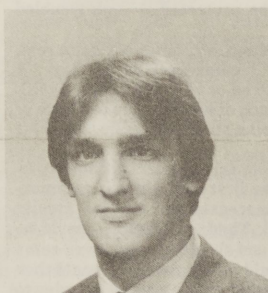
I feel that the current SGA Congress procedures should be changed to further incorporate the student body. This may involve making the SAB a part of the SGA.

I believe that it is important to maintain continuity and order as we change administrations, and the experience that I have gained as a member of the Executive Council this year will serve the school well if you elect me SGA VP.

Brock Rule says: communication between



Mark Bates



Brock Rule

students, faculty, and administration is a perennial and often overworked campaign issue. However, I feel that, in the light of the pressing problems before the Institute today, communication is a valid issue.

It appears that integration of the residence halls will occur next year on a trial basis. If elected Vice-President, I would ensure that student opinion would be a major force in the decision as to whether integration should continue.

I would also encourage congressmen to seek out and present the opinions of their constituency. Once the Congress had made its stand I would carry that view to the Executive

Council, administration, and faculty.

I feel my best qualifications for Vice-President are my willingness and desire to spend the time and effort required to ensure that the Student Congress and office of Vice-President truly serve the student body.

I have the experience and knowledge gained from being a member of Student Congress, the Secretary of the Student Congress, a member of a Presidential Commission, and the current Student Government Secretary.

For these reasons I feel that I would be your best vote for SGA Vice-President.

Rube Goldberg event returns

Pi Tau Sigma, the Mechanical Engineering honorary, is pleased to announce the Rube Goldberg Design Contest. This contest, open to all Rose-Hulman students, faculty, and staff, will be held during the Rose Show on Parents' Day, April 26, 1980, in Moench Hall.

The object of the contest is the design and construction of the best Rube Goldberg type mechanism.

There will be two categories of competition. Freshmen and sophomores will compete against one another. Faculty and staff must match wits with juniors and seniors in the second category. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners in each category.

For the uninformed, Rube Goldberg was an inventor who specialized in the creation of

complex, comical, and sometimes preposterous mechanisms for performing relatively straight-forward tasks.

The majority of Goldberg's designs use no electricity or fossil fuels, instead relying on the ingenious use of gravity.

In keeping with the spirit of originality in Goldberg's designs, this contest will impose a minimum number of restrictions on the contestants. However, in order to avoid total chaos and/or dangerous situations certain rules will be enforced.

Basically, the rules consist of required inputs and outputs. The input to the system will be the pulling of a pin no greater than two inches long.

The output of the system will be the putting of a golf ball into a

hole from a distance of one foot. No guides may be used for the ball.

The system must take between 15 and 120 seconds to operate; it must be mechanically, electrically, and chemically self-contained; and it must be no larger than three feet to a side.

More complete rules are available from Dr. Hooper, Dennis Pepper, or Dale Parker.

Judging will be done by an impartial committee of faculty and students. The following general criteria will be used. Entries will be judged on aesthetic appeal and workmanship, ingenuity and creativity, number of discrete systems, and reliability.

The judging committee will have final say in any dispute arising from rules interpretation. Exact cash prizes will be announced at a later date.



North joins faculty

by Dale Arand
and Rod Braun
Staff Writers

A welcome addition was made to the Rose mechanical engineering staff this past January when Professor C. Mallory North joined the faculty. He came here from the University of Arkansas where he had been an instructor since 1971. Before that, he had been an instructor at Southern Methodist University for two years.

Professor North has an impressive educational background. He originally received his Bachelor of Aerospace Engineering and a Master of Science in Physics from the University of Florida. Later, he earned a Master of Arts in Applied Mathematics from the University of Alabama. He received a Ph.D. in Engineering Mechanics from the same institution.

Professor North has held many industrial positions. In 1958 he worked for Lockheed in Marietta, Georgia. He later

joined Pratt-Whitney Florida Research and Development for four years. The Aerospace Division of the Chrysler Corporation in Huntsville, Alabama hired him in 1964. It was in 1965 that he decided to go to graduate school at the University of Alabama.

Dr. North has many interests, but he enjoys music the most. He plays the piano and the organ. He is also interested in stereo equipment. He has directed church and high school choirs in past years. These activities consume the bulk of his spare time.

Teaching at Rose has been a pleasure so far for Dr. North. At the present time he lives alone in an apartment here in Terre Haute. His wife, Sonya, is still in Little Rock, Arkansas because their house is not yet sold. They have a five year old son, Nathan, who is also still in Arkansas. It should not be long before they are all together living in Terre Haute.

Moenchfest program set

by Eric Donsker
Senior Reporter

On Saturday, April 26, Rose-Hulman will have a "Moenchfest" honoring Dr. Herman A. Moench, now in his fiftieth year as a member of the Rose-Hulman faculty. This is during Parents' Weekend and is part of the Year of the HAM celebrations.

The Moenchfest will begin at six o'clock in Shook Fieldhouse, which will be decorated in a German style. A German dinner of bratwurst, knockwurst, sauerkraut, hot German

potato salad, apple cobbler, and beverages will be served, followed by a short program honoring Dr. Moench.

After dinner, there will be dancing, with a two-man German band. Dancers will be required to remove their shoes as these are not permitted on the basketball court, a part of which will be the dance floor. The Moenchfest will last until eleven.

The Moenchfest is open to all Rose students, parents, staff, faculty, and friends. Cost is four dollars per person.

Editorial Thorn

The tenure question

by Dwight Dively
Editor

One of the most mis-understood aspects of higher education is tenure: the guarantee of permanent employment given to faculty members as a reward for ability and seniority. Many observers, including most students at Rose, feel that such a system perpetuates mediocrity, since there is no effective way to deal with professors who are not performing at acceptable levels once they are tenured. Thus, there is considerable sentiment for proposals to eliminate permanent tenure. Realistically, however, tenure is vital to collegiate education.

A faculty member is usually granted or denied tenure within five to seven years after being hired. If tenure is denied, he generally must seek employment elsewhere. On the other hand, if tenure is granted, the school guarantees his continued employment for as long as he desires. In special cases, such as a professor being brought in from another school, tenure may be given immediately. At Rose, a special committee is in charge of tenure considerations, and they base their decisions mostly on evaluations of the instructor by his colleagues and students. Thus, the quarterly Student Evaluation Polls are of real importance for new professors.

Tenure exists because of one vital consideration: academic freedom. The most fundamental tenet of college education is that each professor is free to interpret and teach as he sees fit, without being punished if his views should differ from those of the administration. This might not seem to be of much importance in an engineering curricula, since most of the material is factual, but it does protect an instructor's teaching methods and his coverage of controversial topics such as pollution. Tenure is even more vital to professors of the humanities or social sciences, where interpretation and analysis are vital to the understanding of the subject matter.

It is often argued today that no one would be fired for their beliefs even if tenure did not exist at Rose. While this is perhaps true, it was relatively recently that protests about the Vietnamese War caused faculty unrest, and it has not been too long since the anti-Communist hysteria of the McCarthy era occurred. Tenure is the only guarantee that a faculty member's beliefs will be protected if such troubled times should happen again.

The problems observers see in the system are, however, quite real. Tenure can become a refuge for the incompetent or the lazy. A tenured faculty member who is either tired of teaching or has significant outside interests which take too much of his time can put little or no effort into preparing lectures or helping students, for he knows his job is safe.

There are two possible ways to mitigate this problem without completely gutting the concept of tenure. The first one, which is commonly employed, is to minimize salary increases for tenured faculty members who are not performing well. These instructors should be told why the penalty is being imposed, and should also be given some suggestions as to how their teaching could be improved. It would then be up to the professor to make the improvements needed in order to justify a raise.

The second more radical approach would be to have periodic "tenure reviews," perhaps every five years. If a tenured professor's performance was found to be unsatisfactory, he could be put on probation for two or three years, and be given suggestions for improvement. If no measurable increase in performance took place, he could be let go. Such an act would be used only in extreme cases, and only for inattention to teaching.

Although some abuses do exist, tenure is vital if an institution of higher education is to maintain its academic integrity. Small changes, and not wholesale elimination, are what are required.

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Elections 1980

Carter leads in quest for second term

by David Slavin
Staff Writer

For the most part President Jimmy Carter has been campaigning from the White House. Carter states that his isolation is for reasons of national unity in a time of crises, while his opponents, both Democratic and Republican, claim that he is too fearful to confront them on the issues.

Either way Carter is running a successful campaign as he continues to swamp both of his Democratic rivals on his way to the Democratic nomination.

Most of Carter's domestic priorities can be summed up by the recent budget deliberations. He supports a windfall profits tax which he will use to bring fuel cost relief to the poor, and tax relief to all.

He supports a balanced budget which would include increased defense and energy program spending. He also supports his own National Health Care proposal.

In foreign policy Carter is in favor of the Salt II treaties, and

is also in favor of normalizing relations with mainland China, almost in spite of Taiwan.

He also proposed what has since been called the "Carter Doctrine" which would have the United States declare war on any power which attempts to gain control of the Persian Gulf.

As the country is now being plagued by unceasing crises (i.e.

Iran, inflation, energy, etc.) Carter's success in the primaries could very well depend on his success in dealing with these crises.

Although he seems a strong contender for the Democratic nomination, Jimmy Carter will have to do well against these crises if he plans to do well against his republican opponent next November.

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A WEEKLY CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, April 11	Rose Rifles, Bluegrass Invitational, Eastern Kentucky University
Saturday, April 12	Midterm Progress Reports Due
Saturday, April 12	Sigma Xi Students Research Meeting, Moench Hall, 8:30-12
Saturday, April 12	Golf, DePauw Invitational, Windy Hill Golf Course
Saturday, April 12	Baseball, Rose vs. Washington U., Washington Univ., 1:00 P.M.
Saturday, April 12	Track, Wabash Relays, Wabash College, 12:00 P.M.
Sunday, April 13	RHA Film, "Psycho," B-119, 7:30 P.M.
Sunday, April 13	Baseball, Rose vs. Ill. College, Illinois College, 1:00 P.M.
Monday, April 14	Golf, Indianapolis Intercollegiate, Coffin Golf Course, Indianapolis
Tuesday, April 15	Fine Arts, Joan Singer Spicknall, Auditorium, 7:30 P.M.
Tuesday, April 15	Track, Rose vs. Franklin, Franklin College, 4:00 P.M.
Wednesday, April 16	Tennis, Rose vs. Franklin, Rose-Hulman, 3:00 P.M.
Friday, April 18	Final Date to Drop a Course Without Penalty
Friday, April 18	SAB, "Willio and Phillio"
Saturday, April 19	Golf, Rose vs. Wabash vs. Hanover, Hulman Links Golf Course
Saturday, April 19	E.I.T. Exam, B-119, 8:30 P.M.
Saturday, April 19	Track, NCAA Div. III Invitational, Rose-Hulman, 12:00 P.M.

Editorial

Carter's "taxing" proposal

by David Slavin
Staff Writer

The "windfall profits" tax bill was recently signed by President Carter. It was hailed as a "victory for every single American citizen."

A victory against what? Capitalism most likely, as the "windfall profits" tax is just another in a series of socialistic proposals still sought by the Democrats who seem to have a vendetta against all business, and will seek their vengeance without regard to the effects on the economy or on the citizens of this country.

After taxing the "profits" of the oil companies (with a tax which will indirectly be levied against the citizens of the U.S. as the oil companies will have to increase oil prices to remain prosperous), the President will gladly give us 60% of the money he has taken back to us.

In effect, for every \$10 he takes from us at the gas pump, he will gladly give us \$6 back. Also, after increasing the price of fuel through the tax, the President will gladly give the poor money in order that they might be able to afford the

increased fuel prices that the President helped to increase.

The rest of the money received from the tax will go towards filling numerous gaps in the proposed budget and to everyone's favorite cause, bureaucratic waste.

The "windfall profits" tax bill will not decrease our dependence on foreign oil, but may instead increase our dependence.

One thing is for sure, however, the bill will increase our dependence on the federal government as it will make the poor more dependent on the government for their fuel, and the entire population, especially the oil industry, will become slaves to another socialistic proposal.

The federal government seems to have lost its confidence in the American people. Such a loss of confidence is a major reason why the Soviet citizenry is so oppressed by their government.

Policies such as the "windfall profits" tax show an increased distrust of the citizens by the government, a distrust which may eventually result in us all becoming slaves of the state.



Delegate count

Democrats

Republicans

Carter	848	Reagan	427
Kennedy	445	Bush	72
		Anderson	56

Totals include only active candidates as of 4/7.

Rifle team 20th in nation

At the NCAA National Collegiate Rifle Championships, Jim Gryga, a junior, finished 33rd in the small bore and 40th in the air rifle competitions. Jim had been the first person from Rose ever to qualify for the final round of the Championships.

In the small bore competition, Jim had qualified 40th out of the 40 individuals in the final round. His combined score of 1124 moved him up seven places; he finished 33rd in the country. He had three 99's and a 95 in the prone position; 86, 93, 87, and 85 in the standing position; and a 97, 94, 95, and 95 in the kneeling position.

For the air rifle competition, Jim again had to borrow a rifle. He also had very little practice because of the lack of air rifles at Rose. He had qualified 35th, but finished 40th.

As a team, Rose-Hulman finished well in the final standings. Based on the small bore and the air rifle scores at

the NCAA Sectionals, 4373 and 1324 respectively, Rose finished 20th in the country. Of the top 34 schools at the NCAA sectionals, all except Rose were either from Division I or Division II.

Jim Gryga

Jim was quoted as saying that he was very pleased with his finish in the small bore competition and was looking forward to next year's competition.

Golfers finish fifth, baseballers drop two

by Paul Custin
Sports Editor

The Rose-Hulman baseball team was on the wrong end of the score in both games of a doubleheader last Wednesday at Art Nehf field as Butler University battered the Engineers 10-2 and 11-2.

Stan Woszczynski started the first game for Rose, and he pitched well through four innings as Rose took a 1-0 lead into the fifth.

Butler finally pushed two runs across in the fifth, added two more in the sixth, and buried the Engineers with six markers in the seventh. Poor defensive play on a soggy field was responsible for much of the Bulldog scoring.

Steve Hill, unscored upon all season, took the mound for Rose in the nightcap. Steve just couldn't get untracked as Butler scored seven times in the first frame to end his string of scoreless innings.

He walked five batters and hit one in that inning, and an error led to three unearned runs. Rose loaded the bases in their half of the first but couldn't score, and never made a serious run at Butler after that.

The Engineers were scheduled to play doubleheaders against both Marian and St. Joseph's before Easter, but the games were cancelled because of rain.

The Rose golf team participated in an invitational tournament last Monday in St. Louis on the Normandie golf course. The team shot a five-man total of 417 to finish fifth of twelve teams.

Coach Baca was very pleased with this performance, pointing out that Division I and II schools were present, and that Rose finished 14th in the same tournament last year.

Ron Knecht and Terry LaGrange did very well for the Engineers, shooting 78 and 81. Tom Chorba had an 84, while Chris Lindhjem shot an 86 and Gary Shake had 88.

Coach Baca sees the team shaping up this way so far. Junior Knecht, Freshman LaGrange, Sophomore Chorba, and Senior Lindhjem are expected to win four of the top six spots.

Juniors Gary Shake and Doug Shull, Freshmen Burke Geene and Jeff Nadeau, and Senior Bob Kaminsky will fight it out for the remaining two spots. Baca said, "All of them are playing about the same right now."

The team will take on DePauw tomorrow, weather permitting, and then plays in the Indianapolis Open Monday, a 36-hole tournament with most of the schools in Indiana competing.

IM Sports Round-Up

by Randy Braker

Jeff Wolfe is the champion of the One-On-One Basketball Tournament. He defeated his roommate Steve Kennedy by a score of 10-8 in the final game to take the title.

The American Society of Civil Engineers held their annual basketball tournament last week. A team from each of the four classes competed in the tournament.

The seniors defeated the juniors and the sophomores downed the freshmen in the first round. The seniors took the title from the sophomores in the championship game 75-71.

In the consolation game the juniors edged the freshmen by one, 72-71.

It is time to sign up for that event you're planning on winning in the Intramural Track Meet. The meet will be held Wednesday and Thursday, April 23 and 24. This will be the last big intramural event of the year so get out there and sign up for your event.

In a battle of undefeated teams Monday night the championship of the major division of Open Basketball was on the line. The game went into overtime and Ron Dale's team came out the victor by only two.

Dale's team won 76-74 to give John Grunewald's team their first loss.

Sports Thorn

Yellowwood meet successful

by Peter Kehoe
Assistant Editor

Yellowwood 1980 is now history. Almost 400 people from as far away as New Mexico and Massachusetts converged upon Indiana for the two-day national orienteering meet which the Rose Orienteering Club hosted.

With few exceptions, the meet went as expected. The weather, at least on Sunday, was miserable. There were some minor organizational problems; none serious, and natural for a first-time national meet host.

Even some of the results were predictable. The United States Military Academy took the

men's, women's, and the team Senior Intercollegiate titles, as expected.

There were, however, some surprises. The Junior Intercollegiate Champions were from Lake Superior State College (men), Eastern Kentucky (women) and Hardin-Simons University (team).

Although most of the Rose OC members were busily working on the meet, a few were able to compete. Two alumni of the school and the orienteering club competed on the Blue (elite) course. Mike Sigmund, a 1979 graduate, finished 18 out of 46 with a two-day time of 227.36

minutes. Steve Hanson, a 1978 graduate, was 35th.

On the Yellow (advanced beginner) course, three Rose students competed. Fred Schipp, a freshman, not only won the men's open division, but also had the fastest time on the second day's course. David Hess, also a freshman, finished sixth. Also competing from Rose was Dennis Churilla.

The Rose Orienteering Club accomplished what few other clubs at Rose would ever consider: hosting a national meet. Most of the people at the meet felt it was a success.

Shooters finish at 38-7

by Jim Courtney

The Rose varsity Rifle Team completed the 1979-80 season with a five-way match at Xavier University on March 29. Rose fired a 2174 half-course score, finishing second behind Morehead State University's 2177.

Finishing behind Rose were Miami of Ohio (2082), Xavier (2060), and Ohio University (1424). The team finished with a season record of 38 wins and 7 losses.

Leading the Engineers was Jim Gryga with a 559 half-course total. Gryga finished second

among a field of 32 shooters. His 183 offhand score was high for the match.

Gary Meier finished with a 557 half-course score, good for third place overall. This included a match-high 193 kneeling score.

Kevin Hansen followed for the Engineers with a 536 which was good for ninth overall. Finishing out the Rose scoring was Dave Kolacz with a 522, which was 14th overall.

In individual competition, Tim Juntunen was 17th at 514 and Jim Courtney was 24th after firing a 476.

The close of the varsity rifle season marked the retirement of

Gary Meier as a Rose shooter. During his four year career at Rose Meier fired on the first team varsity in every match, tying or breaking a total of eight individual records during this time.

Meier has been captain of the varsity squad for the past three years.

The ROTC Rifle Team will compete at the prestigious University of Illinois Invitational on April 18. The varsity has been excluded from the match this year, since they have won it every year for as far back as anyone can remember.

Parent's Weekend Athletic Schedule

Saturday, April 26

- 12:30 p.m. Tennis
Rose vs. DePauw
- 1:00 p.m. Baseball
Rose vs. Franklin
- 1:00 p.m. Father-Son
Free Throw Contest

Sunday, April 27

- 11:00 a.m. Cart Race
- 12:30 a.m. Canoe Race
- 1:30 p.m. Pyramid
- 2:30 p.m. Tug of War
- 4:00 p.m. Bike Race
- 7:00 p.m. Songfest

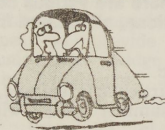
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Rose students highlight summer trip to Russia

by Don Dodson
Staff Writer

Four Rose-Hulman students spent six weeks in Russia last summer studying Russian language and culture. Their trip to the Soviet Union was sponsored by the American Institute of Foreign Study.

Every other year Peter H. Priest, associate professor of Russian, goes on the AIFS Russian trip and encourages interested Rose students to accompany him.

The students who went with him last summer were senior Jon Edmondson, sophomores Doug Gundlach and Scott Linn, and 1979 graduate John Sidenstick. Of the four, only Gundlach had no prior knowledge of the Russian language.

The group spent one week in London, three weeks each in Leningrad and Moscow, and one week in Paris. While in Russia, the students spent six days a week in school, three hours a day.

Typical day

A typical day's schedule for the students included school in the morning, optional sightseeing in the afternoon, and optional cultural events, such as ballets, operas, folk dances, and variety shows, in the evenings. All arrangements for food, accommodations, and activities were made by Intourist, the Russian tourist agency, and bills were paid in advance.

Gundlach pointed out, "A foreigner in Russia is owned by Intourist." He noted that most

tourists cannot go out on their own. A guide would accompany them to prevent contact between tourists and the Russian people.

However, he said, students are given more leeway. He said that he often walked around the cities at night.

"I wouldn't like to go back as a tourist... unless I had the freedom we had as students," Gundlach said.

Housing described

The accommodations, clean and simple, were "pretty good," said Edmondson, "but they weren't like Holiday Inns." Gundlach said they were similar to European hotels, as showers were either located down the hall or in the basement.

The students also commented about the food. Meals consisted of several courses. Among the specialties they sampled were "shchi" (cabbage soup), "kasha" (a hot cereal), and "pirozhyki" (a pastry with meat or fruit filling). Water, mineral water, and occasionally lemonade would be offered as beverages.

Linn noted the food was "quite a change at first... lots of fish and potatoes." He said cucumbers were served at every meal for the entire six weeks. Aside from cucumbers, they had no fresh vegetables or fruit.

Ice cream noted

The students were also quick to mention the ice cream vendors on the streets and how delicious the ice cream was.

But even to obtain a scoop of ice cream, one had to stand in line. "Lines are a part of life in

Russia," Edmondson said.

Gundlach elaborated, noting that in order to examine the merchandise and check prices, customers must stand in line. Once they find what they want, they must stand in line to pay for the item and get a receipt. Then they have to stand in line to present their receipt and receive the merchandise.

Crowds were common even in subways. "One of the things I found amusing was that in the subways, old ladies were shoving and pushing like pro football players," Edmondson said.

Linn also commented about the crowds: "The Russian people are gregarious. They tend to move in crowds. Once I moved a distance of 50 feet without moving my own feet."

Linn also had a taste of the Soviet retail business. He visited a famous children's store in Moscow, but came away unimpressed with the quality of the goods. "The best item they had was a German-made Spirograph set," he laughed.

Edmondson noticed that the streets were extremely clean. "The old ladies sweep the streets: that's one of the ways the Soviets make sure everybody's employed," he said.

People friendly

The students described the Russian people as "really great" and "really friendly." Gundlach admired their courage, noting that when people stopped to talk with the students, "they (the Russians) had to put their own safety on the line to satisfy their curiosity."

But the good they saw in the people did not prevent them from seeing bad in the political system.

"We didn't live as the Russians did while we were there. It would be hard to get the full impact of living as Russians," Gundlach pointed out. "But even as visitors, you're at the mercy of the system if they want you to be."

Fear discounted

"I tried to put fear out of my mind while I was there," he continued, saying that the two pressure points of the trip came at customs when the questions "will they let us in?" and "will they let us out?" entered his mind.

Did they ever feel they were being watched?

Gundlach said that he made a point not to notice, having been warned in advance that it could be depressing to know you're being followed. Edmondson said, "Some people got depressed, but I had fun."

Linn said that he didn't feel that he was being watched and that, to his knowledge, none of his possessions had been searched. However, an American girl who had purchased orange juice, which is not readily available to most Russians, returned to her room to find the container half-empty.

Gundlach observed that they couldn't take room keys with them when they left the hotel. Instead, they exchanged the keys for slips of paper that permitted entrance to the hotel. This was not only a device to keep track of foreigners, but it also restricted Russians from entering the building.

Moscow was described by Gundlach as "gray and cloudy," and by Edmondson as "harsh with block-type buildings."



The members of the group from Rose which toured Russia are shown in front of a monument to K. Tsiolkovskiy, an early space researcher, in Moscow. From left to right are John Edmondson, Prof. Peter Priest, Scott Linn, and Doug Gundlach.



The opening assembly held for the members of the tour group as they began their visit in Leningrad is shown above. At such meetings, instructions on plans, classes, tours, and schedules were provided by the hosts. A portrait of Lenin appears in the upper right corner.



The ice cream in the Soviet Union is universally regarded as superb. Here Gundlach finishes a wait in line for an ice cream bar, which sells for about 14 kopecks, the equivalent of 21 cents. The site is the Moscow Exhibit of Soviet Economic Achievements, sort of a combined museum and amusement park. Besides a group of buildings exhibiting advances in the sciences, agriculture, and engineering, there are various concession stands and entertainment attractions, all located in a concentrated area.

Leningrad preferred

"Leningrad was by far the prettier of the two cities," Gundlach said, mentioning that Leningrad, previously called St. Petersburg, was built by Peter the Great and had more European influence in its architecture than Moscow. Memorable to Gundlach was the giant equestrian statue of Peter the Great.

Edmondson also praised the "really beautiful" architecture of Leningrad. "Other than coming home," his favorite part of the Russian trip was

Leningrad.

Linn particularly enjoyed the czar's summer and winter palaces in Leningrad. The summer palace has huge gardens and gold-plated statues, while the winter palace, where the royal family was taken captive during the revolution, is filled with artwork.

Other trips

The group also took weekend excursions to Kiev (about 550 miles southwest of Moscow) and Tallinn (on the Gulf of Finland across from Helsinki). The students generally found the people of the two cities to be friendlier than Muscovites.

Do they want to return to Russia? "Not soon, not in the state it's in now," Linn said, adding that he was considering going back in the summer of 1981.

"Not at the present while things are sticky," Edmondson agreed.

"I don't think I'd want to go over any more, at least as a tourist. The way I see it, I'd never been to Russia and I'll probably never be able to go back, so I made the right move by going last summer," Gundlach said.



This is a scene from a street in downtown Leningrad. The domed building on the left is the Cathedral of St. Isaac's, formerly the largest Russian Orthodox Church in the Soviet Union. It had room for 12,000 people, but is now closed due to restrictions on religion. The building on the right is the Astoria Hotel, where the group stayed. It was similar to European facilities.



One of the advantages of the trip is the chance to meet other people in the tour group. Here, Edmondson, Linn, and Gundlach pose with a girl from Virginia.

Future tour information

For students contemplating foreign travel during the summer, this year's trip arranged through Rose will be a tour of Europe. Information can be obtained from Prof. Hannelore Lehr, Prof. Peter Priest, or Dr. William Pickett.

The next trip to the Soviet Union will be during the summer of 1981. It will probably be similar to the

visits arranged in the past, with tours and classes combined.

The tours are expensive: about \$2500 per student. Prof. Priest is trying to arrange outside funding to cover some of the cost.

Anyone interested should talk to one of the faculty members listed above, or to one of the students who have recently made the trip.